
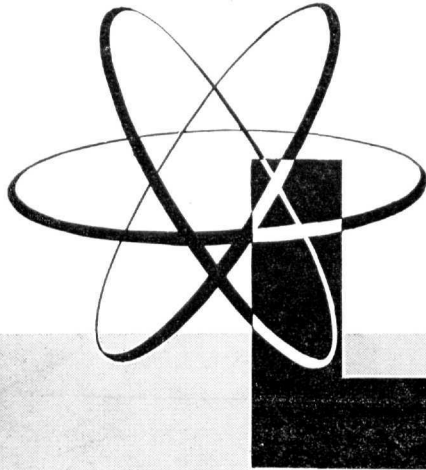


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Concord, N. H. Selected As Site For Transistor Plant

Jesse Ault to be General Manager

The Company recently announced that Concord, New Hampshire has been selected as the site for a new 20,000 sq. ft. transistor manufacturing plant

Construction of the new building will begin in the near future. Location of the plant will be adjacent to the Concord Airport on Pembroke Road. The plant site is on land now held by the Concord Regional Development Corporation.

The company plans to start production by the middle of 1956. Temporary manufacturing quarters in Concord will probably be utilized by Sprague while the new plant is being built and it is expected that the company will employ about 200 people by the end of its first year of operation.

The Concord plant will manufacture the Philco Surface-Barrier Transistor, which Sprague has been licensed to produce by agreement with the Philco Corporation. This transistor is the only one currently available for use in high speed computers, which are in continually increasing demand in industrial and military use. In the latter

field, particularly, they are essential for improvement of missile-guidance and weapons control assemblies.

Transistors, a relatively new development in the electronics field, are used to replace conventional vacuum tubes in everything from radios to computers. Their very small size, plus their low power consumption, makes them ideal in an age of miniaturized electric equipment.

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Jesse Ault



J. D. Watson Ass't. Plant Mgr. At Nashua, N. H.

J. David Watson has been named Assistant Plant Manager of the Nashua, N.H. division. Assumption of his duties will follow a period of training and orientation in North Adams and Nashua.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Watson attended schools there and joined the Navy in 1937. In 1939 he won a competitive appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating in 1942.

After graduation, Mr. Watson was assigned to submarine duty for a period of two years. During this time he was gunnery and torpedo officer of the submarine Blackfish which conducted war patrols in the Eastern Atlantic and Southwest Pacific areas. The next twelve years were spent in the Navy's air arm where an active flying career was heavily sprinkled with administrative work. Included in this period was two years as an ordnance officer in the Research, Development, and Test Program at one of the naval proving grounds, and two years as an administrative officer and instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Mr. Watson was married in 1943 to the former Dorothy Alexander of Baltimore, Maryland, a graduate of Goucher College. The Watsons have two children, Nancy, aged 11 and David, aged 8. They will make their home in Nashua.

Real Estate Loans Available; Free Borrowers Insurance

Your Sprague Electric Credit Union exists for you and your family's benefit and prosperity—to enable you to **SAVE REGULARLY** and to **BORROW CONVENIENTLY AT LOW INTEREST RATES.**

Borrowers Protection Insurance, a form of life insurance covering the life of a borrower, has been adopted by the Sprague Electric Credit Union. Starting March 1, all existing and future personal and automobile loans by Credit Union members will be covered by insurance. Borrowers Protection Insurance provides that the outstanding balance of the loan at the time of the borrower's death shall be paid by the Washington National Insurance Company (WNIC).

How This Loan Insurance Works

1. Your Credit Union carries an insurance contract for Creditor Group Life Insurance with the Washington National Insurance Company, Evanston, Illinois. This contract is carried at no cost to the borrower.

2. At the time you negotiate a personal or automobile loan with your Credit Union, your outstanding indebtedness becomes insured up to the maximum amount of \$2,500.00 as provided in the contract issued to your Credit Union.

3. The amount of insurance at all times equals the amount of your outstanding indebtedness up to the maximum of \$2,500.00.

4. In the event of your death, the WNIC pays your Credit Union the amount of the insured outstanding

balance of your indebtedness. Your family or estate is freed of this extra financial burden—your collateral or savings is not repossessed or attached, but on the contrary is retained by your family or estate—YOUR CO-SIGNERS ARE FREED OF A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION THAT THEY COULD NOT ANTICIPATE AND FOR WHICH THEY SHOULD MORALLY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE.

This insurance will protect all Personal loans which includes automobile loans. It does not cover Real Estate Loans.

The insurance enables a co-signer to know he will not be called upon in the event of death of the Borrower; thus eliminating the dread of co-signing.

Value of the Plan

The value of the plan lies not in the fact that it exists, but to the extent to which it is of practical use to the credit union and to the borrower. Credit is built on the inherent belief in our fellow man's honesty. If the borrower lives he will repay the loan, but what happens if he dies? In that unfortunate situation, any amount then owing a credit union which uses this form of borrowers protection is taken care of—neither the co-makers nor the borrowers estate have any liability. This plan enables the borrower to ask his friends to become co-makers with greater confidence, and it gives a grateful feeling of security to a borrowers family when they know that no one will be penalized in the event of his death.

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Julian K. Sprague, President, receives the company's award for excellent management for 1955 from Mr. Jackson Martindell, President of the American Institute of Management. The Sprague Electric Company was one of 408 American and Canadian companies cited as excellently managed by the Institute at its annual award reception on January 6 at Chicago.

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EDITORIAL

There Ought to Be a Holiday

Not a holiday off with pay but a holiday from the continual, year-in-and-year-out criticism of first one person and then another. We don't mean that everybody should feel that every person is perfect. But would it not be a lot pleasanter if the day-to-day frictions on the job would be taken with a grain of salt and not be magnified into the decades-old suspicions of favoritism, collusion, and double dealing?

With each passing year, it becomes increasingly hard to believe that people are the bogey men they are frequently portrayed as being. We'll bet a straw hat that most people feel pretty strongly about the welfare of the people in their department. We know for a fact that all the supervisors in our plant take pride in pointing out the accomplishments of the folk they supervise. We also know that many, many people truly like and admire their fellow workers—showing this in many friendly ways, exchanging Christmas Cards, and gifts, visiting each other, taking trips together, etc.

On the other side of the ledger, there is the die hard old fogey who believes someone is always out "to get me," who sees in his fellow worker only a grim faced "job stealer" that is only around to make life miserable. Anybody that feels this way, we believe, is living in a fool's world. Times have changed. Today, a person has to be a good egg, basically, to stay on the job. Some of the decisions one has to make may be aggravating, but it is a sure fire proposition everyone wants to do the best they can, for themselves and their friends. So let's wake up! Let's remember that if we treat any human being with respect he will generally respond by treating us with respect. Personality clashes of course are to be expected, but if that is the only trouble, let's not get all choked up with a burning hate and cut loose with all the old-fashioned, anti-social ammunition which long ago lost its power.

JESSE AULT

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Coincident with the announcement of the new plant, Sprague disclosed that Mr. Jesse Ault would be its general manager for the company's operation.

Mr. Ault graduated from Purdue University in 1915 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1917 he enlisted in the Army as a private and rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant before his discharge in 1919.

After World War I, Mr. Ault joined the Western Electric Company as a test set maintenance man. Shortly after being hired, he became the supervisor of this section. Between 1928 and 1942, Mr. Ault held various positions at the superintendent level for Western Electric, both at its Chicago, Illinois and Kearny, New Jersey operations.

In 1943, Mr. Ault was given the assignment of establishing a Western Electric plant in Haverhill, Mass. This comprised putting a factory into working shape and the hiring and training of employees. In 1951, in addition to the operations at Haverhill, Mr. Ault was assigned to establish another plant at Lawrence, Mass.

From 1943 until his retirement in August of 1955 due to the Western Electric compulsory retirement system, Mr. Ault was completely responsible for the well-being of some 4200 employees which comprised the Western Electric's operations in Massachusetts.

Korean Vets Warned of Deadline for GI Bill of Rights

Korean vets! If you plan to take advantage of certain Korean veterans' benefits, take note of these deadlines.

You must begin training within three years after discharge or release from active duty.

There are two deadlines regarding completion of training. If you were discharged or released to inactive duty on or before January 31, 1955, your training may not be continued beyond January 31, 1963, or eight years after your discharge or release.

If you are discharged or released to inactive duty after January 31, 1955, you have until January 31, 1965 or eight years after discharge or release, whichever comes first, to complete your training. (Persons entering the service after January 31, 1955, are not eligible for G.I. Training.)

The deadline for Korean veterans to receive GI loans is January 31, 1965. Any questions veterans might have concerning benefits may be referred to the Veterans Administration.

Names in the News

RICHARD W. LORD, Research & Engineering, spoke before the Berkshire County Amateur Radio Association on Friday, February 3, at the Dalton Community House. His subject covered the construction, uses and correct application of various types of capacitors.

DAVID T. GEISER, Research & Engineering, is the author of an article, entitled "Simple Code Practice Oscillator" which appears in the February issue of QST magazine, the official publication of the American Radio Relay League, nationwide organization of radio amateurs. Mr. Geiser, who holds amateur station license W1ZEO, is President of the Hoosac Valley Radio Group.

EDMUND G. LOVE, who is employed in the Shipping & Receiving department at the Sprague Pacific Division, has an article appearing in the March issue of HARPER'S magazine entitled "Subways Are For Sleeping".

DR. ADAIR MORRISON, head of research, spoke at the 7 February meeting of the Williamstown Rotary Club. Dr. Morrison's talk was on the use of atomic energy as a source of power.



Queen For A Day . . . !

Mrs. Romelda Lanoue, wife of Arthur Lanoue of 613 Union Street, was crowned queen of the sixth annual ball of Frank R. Stiles post, American Legion which was held recently. Romelda, who is employed in the Payroll Department, is shown above after being crowned by Joseph Chenail, commander of the post. Members of

her court of honor were left to right, Mrs. James (Dora) Delisle, of Purchasing, Mrs. William Rennell, Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Mulcahy of the Sales Office, and Miss Bonnie Krull. For winning the honor of being queen, Romelda was presented a defense bond from the post.



1 pair Dartmouth skis. Walter Prager model, 7'3" with bindings. \$20.00 Call extension 559 or Williamstown 739-J.

Single sleeping room. Nicely furnished, at 47 Holbrook Street. Dial MO: 4-9542 anytime.

Semi-automatic Thor washing machine. Good condition. \$40. Rollaway bed and mattress. \$15. Odd pots and pans—good for camp, all for \$10. Dial MO:3-6241 after 5 p.m.

'49 Buick—as is. \$200. 2 door—all accessories. Blue. Dial MO:38859 anytime.

4-room apartment, second floor, all modern—near Sprague's. Inquire at 171 Houghton Street.

1-ABC oil parlor stove—8 months old, 9" burner, stove pipe, oil barrel and stand included in price—\$40. Call at 243 River Street or dial MO: 4-9494.

1954 "lighthouse" mobilehome. 37', 2 bedrooms and tub and shower. Dial MO: 3-5865.

Ford Custom Radio with speaker and antenna will fit any 1949-51 Ford. Also new bumper jack for sale. Contact Ken Greger, Beaver Street ext. 24.

1940 4-door Lasalle convertible with radio and heater. Good shape. \$95. Call Marshall Street ext. 453.

Walnut combination clothes and sidedrawer cabinet. Dial MO:3-8639.

One Cub scout uniform in good condition. Size 10. Dial MO: 4-0338 evenings.

WANTED

1 pair men's shoe skates—size 10 or 10½. Dial MO: 3-8476.

Water skis, 5'9" or over. Dial MO: 4-9594.

Riders from Cole Avenue, Williamstown, to Beaver Street plant on the 7-5 shift. Call ext. 173 anytime.

Ride wanted daily from Marshall Street plant to Williamstown between 3:30 and 3:45. Contact Charles Landry. Ceramic Department, Marshall Street.

Riders wanted 8-5 going to Marshall or Brown Street from Adams. Call Fred Miller, Marshall ext. 422, or Adams 1682-M.

The Old Brass Pole Is Doomed !

The old brass pole at the firehouse may be doomed. Stainless steel slides are coming into use. It is hoped that they will reduce injuries to firemen's ankles, heels and legs.

The new type slides look like king size playground slides for children. Two of them are in use in a firehouse in Birmingham, Michigan. When the alarm sounds, the firemen jump into the slides and descend to the first floor.

Steel is used on the slide only. The slides are built of laminated birch.

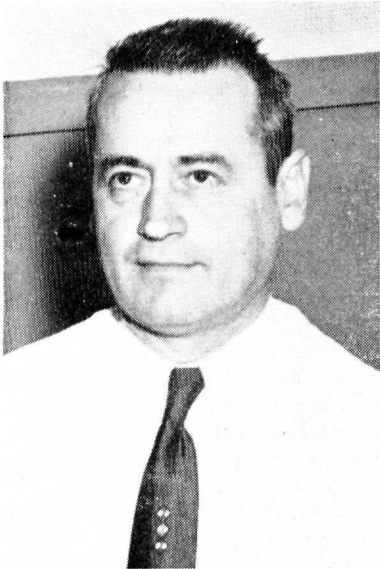
"This is the only slide of its type that exists in the fire service, to my

knowledge," says Fire Chief P. H. Smith of Birmingham. "I know of several other departments that use steel slides, but they are of the spiral type, as used in schools, hospitals and other public institutions, for fire escapes.

"While the slides actually take more space than a brass pole, the space underneath is utilized for storage closets. In the final analysis, there is very little difference in the amount of space actually needed for the steel slide, and that set aside for brass poles.

"The problems of dust and drafts from openings are about the same."

Management Changes



William Mendell will become General Foreman and will assume broader responsibilities for High Quality Dry Electrolytics.



Joel Pierce will assume responsibilities for Tantalum capacitors.



George Saulnier will assume responsibilities for the Etching department.

Nine Employees Receive Suggestion Awards

The Suggestion System cashier has been ringing up a number of awards during the past month—with individual awards ranging from \$25 to \$75.

The largest award of \$75 went to Wallace A. Young of the Beaver Street General Office. Mr. Young's suggestion was a revised method of scheduling for certain Beaver Street operations by use of a new card file system.

Meral E. Burdick received \$25 for his suggestions for the use of a master mold in the Shift Register Department which would be locked together by use of a wing nut instead of conventional screws. Mr. Burdick is in the Magnetics Department.

\$25 was awarded to Raymond Maynard of the Maintenance department for a new type of soldering hood fabricated from Marinite No. 36.

An idea for use of a thermocouple plug in the jack used to read temperatures on chlorinal impregnation instead of type which has to be checked by a magnet to determine positive and negative wires, brought an award of \$25 to Arthur Santelli of the Maintenance department.

Samuel Unsworth, Check Inspection, received \$35 for his idea which advocated the use of a mask in color-coding automation units thus saving the cost of setting up air hose to color-coding machine.

William Champagny of Test Equipment, suggested the use of a heavier piece of bakelite in center of F.P. Boards which are used on the oven trucks to prevent warping and breaking. This idea brought him \$25.

\$25 was received by Gladabelle Ross of the Mica department for her idea for the use of a small fixture with a light bulb attached to provide added heat for mica stacking operation.

Miriam Buzzell of the Magnetics department, received \$25 for her suggestion of installing rubber or plastic tips on the bottom of chair legs in her department to prevent damage to tile floors and to eliminate safety hazard of slipping or tipping of chairs.

Leo Moreau, Jr., received \$25 for his suggestion for the use of a small type of "soup ticket" in the F.P. Assembly line to save material. Mr. Moreau is in the A.C. Dry Assembly department.

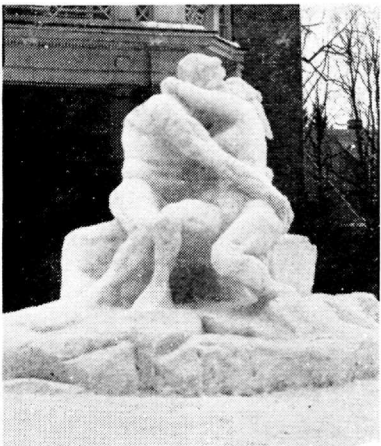


Wallace Young, center receives his suggestion award of \$75 as Kenneth S. Brown, Employee Relations, and Alfred Bergeron, foreman, look on.

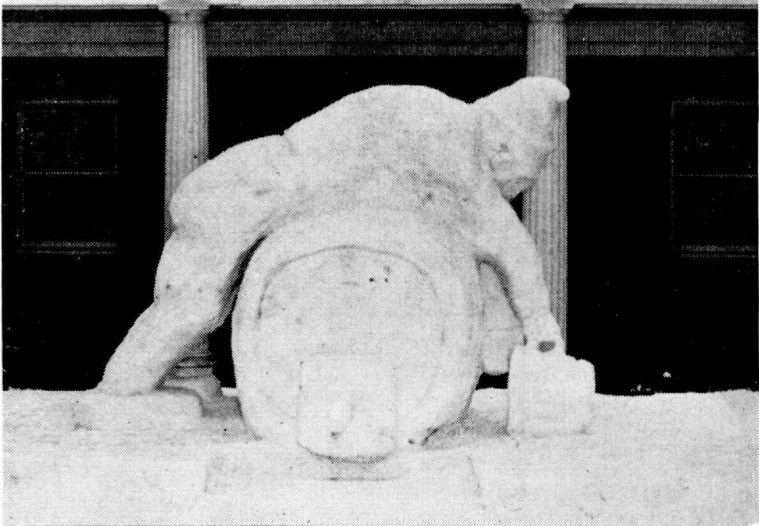


OUR VALENTINE TO YOU! Pretty Dorothy Roberts, secretary to Larry Moreau in the Purchasing department on Brown Street, extends the company wish for a happy and pleasant Valentine Day to each and every one of you.

Williams Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture



Above:
"The Kiss"—Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.



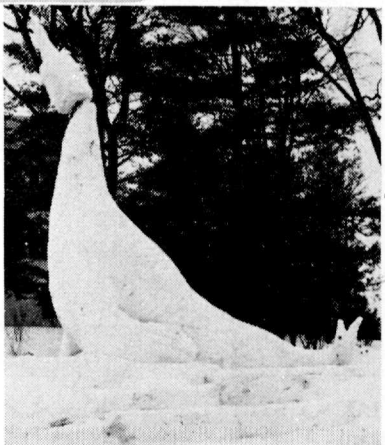
Above:
"The Toboggan Slide"—Phi Delta Fraternity.



Above:
"Over a Barrel"—Chi Psi Fraternity.

Left:
"St. Bernard"—Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Right:
"Balancing Seal"—Freshman Class.



(Based on information from the American Institute of Accountants, the national professional society of certified public accountants.)

Tom looked at Betty over the breakfast coffee. "You tell me your dream and I'll tell you mine."

"It's not very romantic," she said, "That old income tax blank was on my mind and I had a nightmare. I dreamed I was sitting on a giant calendar, turned to April 15, and as I finished each page of the tax form another page was suddenly added on!"

"It's April 16 this year," Tom reminded her. "Anyway, I did better than that. I was dreaming of all the things that would cut down my tax."

"Such as?"

"Such as that you presented me with sextuplets last New Year's Eve—just in time to give us a \$3,600 tax exemption."

"I did WHAT?"

"...and the tax-exempt interest on all my holdings of state and municipal bonds," Tom went on, "and the special credit on about a million dollars in dividends...and the depletion allowance on my oil wells..."

Betty relaxed with a sigh. "You are a dreamer!"

That evening Tom and Betty came down to earth. They read the instructions which came with the tax form and found some tax savings they could use. Perhaps you can use them too.

For one thing, Betty had worked part time and was planning to make out a separate return to get back the tax that had been withheld from her pay.

"Oh no," Tom said, "if you did that we couldn't file a joint return. I'd have to use a separate return and pay at a higher rate."

Most married couples can save by filing a joint return. Tom and Betty did so—and of course they included Betty's earnings and took credit for the tax withheld by her employer. They started to work on the regular Form 1040 and decided to fill out 1040 in detail instead of taking the standard deduction.

Tom and Betty had the tax forms and instructions on the table. They gathered together a scratch pad, check stubs and a set of envelopes containing the receipts they had collected during the year. Tom went out to the car and

got the notebook he had been using to keep track of car expenses. Now they were ready to begin tax figuring in earnest.

"Let's fill out a trial form in pencil first," Betty said, "so we'll have everything right when we make out the official return."

After their names, address, and social security numbers, they came to the listing of exemptions. They put down only one exemption for Tom and one for Betty, since neither of them is 65 or blind.

"I don't think we can list Bud as a dependent any more," said Tom, "since he earned \$600 or more last summer."

But they read further and learned this limit did not apply to their son because he was a full-time student, so Bud's name was listed for another exemption.

"We can also list your mother," Tom said.

"Do you think we can do that?"

An Income Tax Dream



Betty asked. "My brothers take care of part of her support."

"No one of us provided more than half her support," Tom explained. "But if your brothers will sign a new form called a Multiple Support Agreement, we can take turns using the deduction. If I ask them, perhaps they'll agree to let us use it this year."

The next part of the form called for their income. They listed their wages and the amount of tax withheld, copying the amounts from their W-2 withholding slips. Their other income included savings bank interest and \$38 of dividends from a few shares of stock.

"Wait a minute," said Tom, "that \$38 goes on the last page of the form, and we don't have to pay tax on the first \$50 of dividends."

"In fact," added Betty, "you could have \$50 of dividends and I could have \$50 and there'd still be no tax."

After listing their income and exemptions, they moved on to the de-

ductions.

"This is what I've been waiting for!"

Tom exclaimed, and he began copying columns of figures from the check stubs and receipts onto the scratch pad. While he was figuring the medical deduction, Betty pointed to the instructions on sick pay.

"You're so right, honey," Tom said.

He went back to the amount of his wages and subtracted the pay he had received while sickness kept him from work. The instructions told him that an employee can exclude from his income any payments up to \$100 per week from his employer (or insurance company) while absent from work because of sickness or injury.

"I guess it was lucky I had to go to the hospital," he added. "If I hadn't been there at least one day I would have to pay tax on the pay I received for the first week I was sick." He wrote out a brief explanation to attach to the return.

Having subtracted his sick pay from his wages, Tom went back to the medical expenses and figured that he was entitled to nearly \$100 deduction because he had spent that much more than 3% of his gross income—not counting benefits from health insurance. From his notes on the scratch pad he worked out other deductions: interest paid on the mortgage and on a small loan from the bank, charitable contributions (including the value of clothing and other goods given to the church rummage sale), real estate taxes on their home, sales taxes and the damage done to their roof in a storm.

"Why did you bring your car expense book?" Betty asked.

"Gasoline tax," was Tom's reply, as he added up his deduction for the state tax on gasoline he had purchased during the year. (Mass. 5c, N.H. 5c, Vt. 5½c, N.Y. 4c.)

"Now what are you doing with that child care deduction?" Betty exploded. "You're really getting deduction-happy. I can hardly remember when Bud was under the age of 12!"

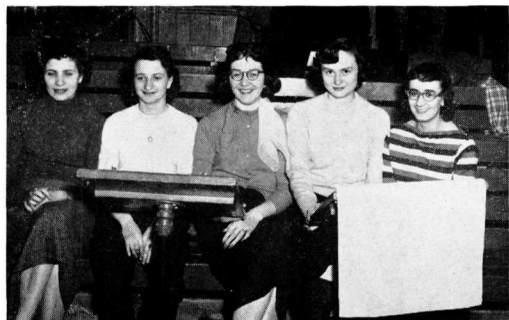
"It's not for Bud," Tom explained. "The same deduction applies to care of a disabled dependent. Remember, we had a woman in to take care of your mother while she was staying with us and you were working."

"Look a bit further, dear," said Betty, pointing to the instructions. "It says the maximum deduction of \$600 for 'child-care' must be reduced by the amount our gross income exceeds \$4,500—in other words, since our income was more than \$5,100, no deduction for us!"

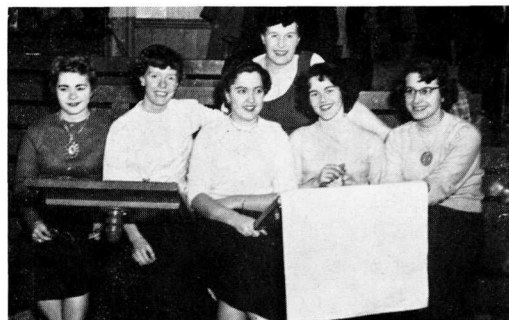
Tom had to admit his wife was right. Although he was disappointed this time, he found that he had listed enough legitimate deductions to make them eligible for a refund. As both of them signed the return, he said:

"I'm glad we started this early. The sooner we get it in, the sooner we'll get our refund."

Note: Tom and Betty found that they could fill in their own tax return with the help of the official instructions. Probably you can too. If you have questions you can telephone the Internal Revenue Service. If you have problems that require independent professional assistance, be sure your advisor is properly qualified.

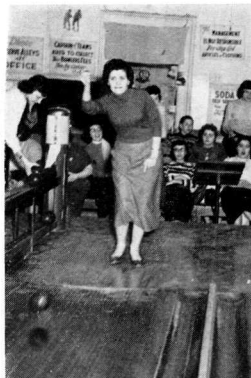


SPRAGUE KEYS—Usual order—Betty Vigna, Doris Harpin, Gerry Macchia, Doris Hartman and Arlene Decoteau.



LUCKY STRIKES—Pat Carpenter, Fran Rondeau, Carol Cooper, Virginia Maxymillan and Sandra Primmer.

Girls' Bowling League Candidids



Betty Vigna of the Sprague Keys team sends a good ball down the alley at one of the regular meets.



MIXETTES—Front row, Mary Lou Parsons, Elaine LaBonte, Opal Edwards and Jerry Bessette; standing Mary Bua, NICKELLETTES; and second row—Sonia Drawec, Madeline Folino and Betty Kleiner of the MARRIETTES team.



METAL MAIDS—Edie Jones, Marge Barry, Steffie Stefanopolous, rear, Dot Carden and Agnes O'Grady.



The Mastering of the Boards (An Authentic Story!)

One bright, crisp Saturday morning I jumped from my bed and gazed out the frosted panes of my room, stirred by the steady stream of traffic filing past the house. As I looked at the road below me, I saw with curiosity that most of the autos whizzing by were carrying skis. I was about to nestle in my bed again, when the thought occurred to me, "There must

be something to this thing that everybody will get up so early for and drive so far. Today I, Igor, shall try this myself!" Dum-de-dum-dum!!!

From past experiences of my friends I knew there were many places in the area where one such as I could ski. After much deliberation — I chose Dutch Hill.

At 7:55 a.m. sharp, my car nosed onto the highway headed for the Vermont hills. Destination: Dutch Hill. After 35 minutes of steady driving the great moment was here—the last bend was behind me—the parking lot was before me. Dum-Da-Dum!!!

My first clue was the appearance of Charlie Lincoln, Test Equipment, who flashed a ready smile as I approached a parking space. It was not for me however, and I was forced to take the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile path back to the entrance. ... Observations written down... (upper left)

I approached the warming hut, got my equipment ready—and proceeded to the slope. I stopped. There before me were Doris Hartman and Allie McPherson, looking healthy and excited and ready to tackle the mountain again. I remained silent, continued on my way. Dum-de-dum-da-dum.

The ticket office came into sight and there I again saw Doris and Allie, and this time two others had joined them—Frederick Whitham and Vincent Tassone. They were all in line—getting their tickets. I waited.

Suddenly I looked up—there getting away from my sight were Fred and a newcomer—Roger Ottman. I watched them go—and hopped the next T-Bar to the top! I checked the time—9:45. I reached the top and quickly looked back—immediately behind me was Shirley Cardonnel. Not wanting to be seen, I took off and made several trial runs—each one becoming worse than the last.

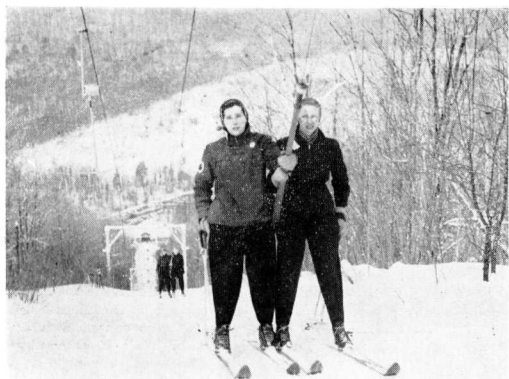
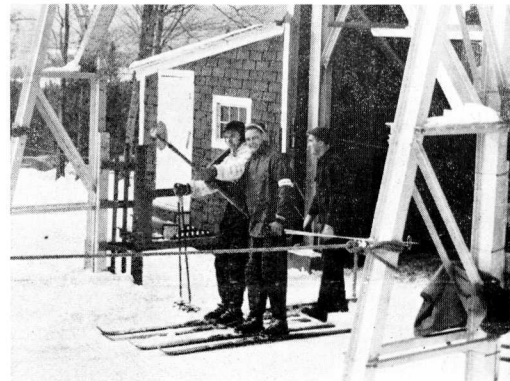
I decided to take one last run before quitting—the time was now 10:50—and headed for the open slope. There in plain sight whom did I see but Robert Bakish, Carolyn Lataif and William Martin. I nodded and floundered on my way. Dum-de-dum!

Coming down the open slope I decided to take a short cut and try going through some trees. I looked—there before me was Roger Ottman, waving merrily as I looked at his tracks which

surrounded a tree. The sport of skiing took on a new element—you have to be a magician too!

I glanced at my watch—time was growing short—it was 11:05. The dinner line was growing. I joined it and was quickly lost in the crowd. Finally I was at the food counter—quickly I ordered and then looked up.

There was the happy face of Peter Pinnoneault behind the counter. That did it! The case was solved. The reason for so many people skiing—friendliness, enjoyment and relaxation. I finished my lunch, dissolved any notes taken on the subject, and returned to the hills. I looked at my watch—it was 12:00. A new skier had just been born!



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



Advertising

by Janice Fowler

A gala hen party was held at Helen Goodermote's home. The usual topics of discussion made for a most interesting and educational evening. Pizza was served by Helen as well as liquid refreshments. Would-be skiers Joan Rice and Jan Fowler, have been burning up the slopes around the area of Dutch Hill. Bruised and battered bodies are just a matter of course every Monday after a weekend of what we laughingly call "skiing". On the other hand, we have Jan Reopell who has developed a sudden yen for hiking. As we understand the situation, she rides the rope tow up the slope and then hikes down! A lot easier than walking both ways. Good news for all skiers—Joan Rice has perfected a new way of stopping upon reaching the bottom of the slopes. Her method is to point one ski east and the other west, head for a snowbank, and fall head first between those two sticks of wood known as skis. Simple, eh what!

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzette Lemieux

January 5 was the day a large black dog dropped into the office to visit Myrna Harvey and Betty Saltamartini who in their fright, neglected to obtain its calling card. At their screams, the caller promptly departed. Betty is now recuperating from an appendectomy which she underwent on January 25 at the Revere Memorial Hospital under the able care of her uncle who is Chief Surgeon at that hospital. Lovely poems flowed from the pen of Myrna Harvey for the lucky ones whose names were on her Valentine list. Beverly DuBois suffered a slight attack of the gripe and laryngitis, but youth's resistance was splendid and recovery was prompt. Nevertheless, it's been a hard winter! The art of playing chess is being studied cautiously by John Silvia and yours truly prior to launching any further challenges. The truce was declared one memorable lunchtime in January when our last game ended in a stalemate.

Filter Department

by Marge Richer and Alice Monette
Filter Diary—

On January 23rd, Norman Blair became the father of a bouncing baby boy. Floria had the baby, but Norm broke out in a rash. Joe Miller went south for his vacation. He sent a lovely card from Monterey, Virginia. January 30th—Welcome back to Lorraine Briggs. You look wonderful—babies do something for you. February 1st—Rita Pozza celebrated twice today. She became the grandmother of a baby girl and the baby's father was discharged from the service in time to visit his daughter the night of her arrival. The department had fun at its farewell party in honor of Donald Adams and Donald Favreau who have gone into the Air Force. Clarisse Kelly is being transferred to another department on the 5-11 shift. She was presented a black onyx ring as a farewell gift. Della Keating is now a proud grandmother. A son was born to Mary Sunn, a former employee on January 18. We welcome Margaret Powers, Bill Goodermote and Ray Shartrand to our group.

Retail Sales

by Betty Jangrow

We are privileged to have in our department a very enthusiastic bowler. At this writing he could boast of a score of 352 in three strings and is the top bowler of the Sprague League. It's none other than Louis Hodgdon, our co-worker. Continue the good bowling, Louis. A hearty welcome to our department Doris Harris, Evelyn Prystas and Lucille Miller, and Jack Shephard. Alice Malloy, who has been on sick leave, has returned. We are happy to see you well again. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fulginiti on the birth of a daughter. Betty, the proud mother, is a member of the Retail Sales department. Barbara King, husband, and son Vincent attended the Blue and Gold Banquet held for the cub scouts on February 21 at St. Joseph's dining hall at St. Joseph's School. Vincent received the Silver Arrow Badge. Airman 3rd class Donald Tadiello spent 22 days of his leave at home recently. Emma was very happy and Donald couldn't get enough of his mother's cooking. He left on February 3rd for Abilene, Texas. His parents are waiting to hear news of his next assignment.

Filter Development Center

by Julia Desrosiers

We were happy to hear that Yvette Dubois arrived safely in Sarasota, Florida. We hope you have an enjoyable vacation—and by the way, we enjoyed the cards that you sent back. We hope James Flanagan is feeling better. Hurry back, Jim, we miss you. Jane Karrey attended the Winter Carnival at Williams College and had a wonderful time. Marilyn Haley attended the Alerts Ball and must have looked very nice with that pretty blue gown that matches her pretty blue eyes. Belated birthday greetings to Gladys Dubie whose birthday was January 6.

Quality Control

by Esther Holloway

We were sorry to see Doris Hartman leave our office at Marshall Street. As you know, Doris was our other reporter and we will miss her additions to this column. Good luck in your new job in the Sales Office, Doris. Beverly Cook has also started a new job in the office of Sprague Products. Good luck and we hope you like it. Some of the fellows in the control lab on Marshall have started working in their new lab up at Beaver. We will miss seeing them on Marshall. Up at Beaver, our friend Sam Unsworth is sporting around in a new car. From reliable sources we hear that his phone has been ringing constantly. Beaver Street would like to welcome John Anderson, Harold Weyers, and George Senecal into their group. We wonder why Jerry Coutu spends so much time in Lee, Mass. Of course the scenic beauty is terrific, but we don't think that is the reason for his frequent trips. Congratulations to Ethel and Bill Sakowski on the birth of a daughter, Donna Lee. Bill is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Armed Forces. Down at Brown Street, we would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Henry Testa on the birth of a baby boy.

Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

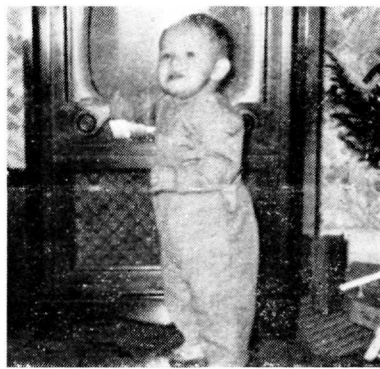
Welcome to the shipping department Esther Chilson. Hope you like working here. We are all happy that Flora Burdick is back at work after being out on sick leave. We hope you're feeling much better, Flora. Ellen Crocker spent a weekend visiting her son and daughter in Northfield, Vermont. Allen is a senior at Norwich University where he made the Dean's



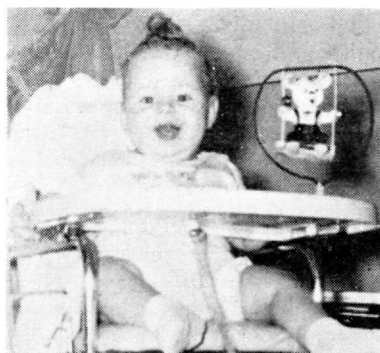
Little Matthew McConnell, son of Mary and Bruce McConnell, and grandson of Betty of Tantalum and Cecil, Formation, was 17 months old when this picture was taken at Christmas time.



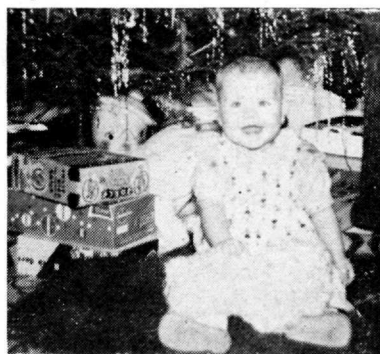
"Now, if you had listened to me—I!" 14 months old Lionel Verrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Verrier, seems to be saying, "everything would have turned out all right!" His mother, Annie, works in Small Order Surplus.



"All right—I'm turning it—don't rush me!" Michael William Estes Jr., 1, nephew of Angie and Elwood Downs who work at the Beaver Street plant and May O'Neil who works on Brown Street, will turn that TV knob when he's ready!



Laughing with glee is 6 months old Mattie Crawford, grandson of Doris Monette of the Hi-Reliability department on Beaver Street.



Donald and Joyce Tatro, of Miscellaneous Dries and Tantalum, respectively, were mighty proud of their 7 months old daughter as she opened her own gifts this Christmas!

list. Ellen's daughter, Barbara, was pledged to the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority at the University of Vermont in Burlington, where she is a freshman. Claire Corsi enjoyed her two week vacation recently getting settled in her new apartment on Grove Street. Esther Chilson attended the capping exercises of her sister, Carolyn, at Pittsfield General Hospital. We are glad to hear that Alfred Bourdon's little daughter, Paula, is better after being confined to the North Adams Hospital. Heat-Seal Department news: Welcome back to Henry Frederick. We sure missed you. Agnes Bolus and Ted Grogan are both sporting new cars. Glad to hear that Jennie Morrissey and Julia Cirillo's husbands are coming along fine. Belated birthday greetings to Beatrice Boccagni who celebrated her birthday in January.

Employee and Community Relations

by Mary Pat Riley

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome back to the fold Agnes Kelly Douglas who is now working for John Winant as his secretary. Agnes worked here about three years ago. We hope Sylvia Flanders doesn't have another scare such as she had recently when she thought she had lost her diamond. It was safe and sound at home all the time! Congratulations are certainly due for Jack Gumbleton for doing such a tremendous job on the March of Dimes campaign. As we all know, the contributions went way over the top.

Maintenance Department

by Dorothy Buzzell

Congratulations to Raymond Maynard, one of our plumbers at the Beaver and Arthur Santelli, who works in the Millwright department, on their recent suggestion awards. Also to Chalmers Rose on his election to Chief of the Auxiliary Police. It's good to see Ray Favreau back at work after his recent illness. Ray's son Donald has left for Lackland A.F. Base in San Antonio, Texas. He worked for John Smith before leaving for the service. Shirley Ferrari and Dorothy Buzzell were feted at a dinner at Florini's in honor of their birthdays. Robert Perry is on leave at the home of his parents for a month. Robert worked in the Plumbing department before entering the Marines. At the termination of his leave, Robert will return to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Francis Bourdon, one of our painters, enjoyed a week of his vacation. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Coody on the birth of a daughter on February 10.

Building No. 7 Offices

by Selma Sabin

The main news item today comes STRAIGHT from Webster: LEAP YEAR is a year containing 366 days. February 29th being added as the extra day. Every year exactly divisible by 4 is a leap year, except the years at the end of a century, which are leap years only when exactly divisible by 400. And now "People, Places and Things" (with apologies to John Daly). A dispatch received from the Methods department advises of transfers within the company—those of: Frank Patterson who was formerly with the Time Study staff and is now one of the Methods group; and also Claire West who will be leaving this area to work for Mr. Levenson after she has trained Judith Lewis, a Drury High School student to take over her duties. On the moving scene, an eyewitness report of the activities of Bill Kirby and Paul Garnish who did a little

rearranging. The latest hospital bulletin reports that Dick Crosier is making satisfactory progress (we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at his desk soon). North Adams Hospital reports a baby born to Verna and Paul Trottier on January 17. Congratulations. For more complete "coverage" we refer you to Gloria Moors and her yellow sarong. Time out for a commercial, and goodnight!

Executive Offices

We hope by the time this is in print Joan Bissallion will be completely recovered and back at work after receiving a badly sprained ankle while skiing on February 1. That's a fine way to start off a new month, Joan! Belated congratulations on the new arrival at the Jack Hartigans. A nice baby girl, born January 3, and named Patricia Dale. We're glad to have Miss Avery back with us. The time she was out seemed too long and it is nice to have the old gang all back together.

Purchasing

by Lea Walden

Fourteen members of the Purchasing department attended a dinner held at the Springs in New Ashford. The party was given in honor of Lorraine Stefanski who has accepted a government position in Washington. She was presented a train case from the department. Dorothy Russett, now on leave, was also presented a brunch coat and matching slippers. Following the dinner, games and group singing were enjoyed. Prizes were won by Dot Roberts, Florence Clough and Shirley Rarick. Congratulations to our Dora Delisle who was chosen for the queen's court at the American Legion Ball. We all miss Dot Roberts who has transferred to the Brown Street division of Purchasing. Dot was given a pair of cuff links from the girls with our best wishes. Betty Bogus is now a member of the Purchasing department.

Round Midget Assembly

by Jennie Garceau

Eleanor Abuisi spent a weekend in New York and really enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the big city. El, as you know, does not like to loiter so was in her glory and had a good time. Ora Boyer gained a new member in her family on February 11 when her son Alfred was married to Margaret Birnie. Everyone joins in best wishes for a happy married life. Norma Skorupski had a delicious sandwich for lunch recently and was the envy of those eating with her. What was it, Norm? Nina Buckley and Vi Bona are conducting classes in the Italian language and have two very apt pupils in Alvina Moreau and Jennie Garceau—one good thing—the lessons are free! Marcy Poirot and Dolly Rowett both have new glasses and on them they look good. The better to see with, my dears. With the Lenten season on us many of the girls are on diets and by Eastertime, will be ready for the new Spring fashions. Hope you'll be able to keep the good work up afterward.

Personnel Office

by Gerry Macchia

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Cobelli on the birth of a daughter on February 1. The baby was named Catherine Ann. Lydia worked with us before she went out on a leave of absence. Edith Matranga spent a recent weekend in Albany visiting her family. Good luck to Dale Long who has left for Florida to enter spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates. We enjoyed having you with us and hope you have a very successful season.

Filter Development Coil Winding Room

by Jeanette Cady

Welcome, Claire Martin. Hope you enjoy working with us and may your stay be a long one. We would like to wish Margaret Starr a speedy recovery and hope to see her back once more. The room just isn't the same without her. A Valentine party was held at noon time and it was enjoyed by everyone very much. It's a good thing that they don't happen every day or else we all would be weighing a few pounds extra. Especially when Art Cardinal and Mike Morin bring in their delicious cakes—who can say no? Viola Craft, Gerry Guisti, Virginia Delisle, Stella Beauchamp are going to the Y for exercises. They seem to be enjoying it and give them a couple of more weeks and they will have the figures they are striving for. Birthday greetings go out to Mary Alice Lefebvre and Jimmy Blair.

Dry Tubular Assembly

Glady's Sullivan & Margaret Champagne

Our cover girls left February 10th for their annual weekend in New York City. They included Toni Donnell, Margaret Davis, Florence Lecuyer, Helen Drobiak, Agnes Fleming and Ann Fortini. While in the big city they attended some good shows, namely, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", "Desk Set", and "No Time for Sergeants". We understand they had a truly wonderful time. Edith Royal's husband is recovering at home after being hospitalized in Pittsfield. Our sincere hopes for a complete recovery. Welcome back to Elsie Smith, Minnie Les and Doris Roberto. Lil Boyer's son is now teaching at Seales High School in Great Barrington, good luck Dick. Incidentally, Lil has a new automatic washer and says it's wonderful. Rosilda Boucher recently spent a weekend visiting her son and daughter-in-law in Hartford. She says her new granddaughter Donna Gail is very lovely. Get Jimmy Randall and Jay Stratos to show you the pictures of their babies. They sure are proud daddies and no wonder! Belated greetings to Claire Andognini, Pat O'Neil, Irene Richardson and Ernest Goddard who celebrated their birthdays in January.

Watchmen's News

by Bernard Lonco

Linwood Morse, watchman at Brown Street, received word of the promotion of his son George Frederick Morse, from Private to Pfc. in the Marine Corps. He left the U.S. just before Thanksgiving Day for Japan. Before entering the service, he worked for Chuck Blouin. Another son, Linwood Jr., enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and is now stationed in Okinawa. Prior to his enlistment, he was employed in the Molding Room. Attention watchmen and guards! Let's have your news. Remember, we have space in the LOG too. Let's use it.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

We miss Lillian Trombley, Eva Unis and Anita Lescarbeau, and hope they will soon be back with us. We see that Bobbie Johnson (the contest man) is in another paper contest again. We hope this time he wins at least one of the prizes. Our hats off to Clara Catotti's daughter, Louise, who recently gave her 10th pint of blood to the bloodmobile. Adrian Darling recently attended both the Legion Ball in North Adams and the Alerts Ball in Adams. Diets have been the big topic of conversation in the room lately, but it seems the more they talk about dieting, the more food they consume. However, now that Lent is here, some of the girls have made up their minds. Watch for the results! Eva Daldoes has been having some trouble cooking lately. She is even eating burned toast.

We were glad to see Frances Kor-dana and are happy to hear she received her nursing cap. Best of luck and happiness in your new career. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mantello who celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 25th.

F. P. Drys

by Grace McConnell

We are glad to welcome back our department clerk—Lorraine MacKay, who recently underwent a major operation in Boston. We also welcome back Johanna Kayser who was at the North Adams Hospital for a complete check-up. Hazel Russell motored to Kittery, Maine, and Manchester, N.H. Joe Magin enjoyed a vacation at home resting. Genevieve Sarkis also enjoyed her vacation having her kitchen remodeled. We wish little Peter Cook, son of Roy, a speedy recovery from a broken arm. Little Peter was at the North Adams Hospital. We are pleased to have back with us Marion Sherman and Della Grant who had been transferred.

Tantalum

by Amelia Koza and Mary Odell

A party was held in honor of Mr. John Puppulo, former superintendent of the Tantalum department, at the Fireside Dining Room in Cheshire. The party was given by his co-workers including guests. Harry Callan was master of ceremonies. Chuck Blouin, Dominick Papas, Stanley Bubriski and Ziggy Nash all gave their best wishes to Mr. Puppulo, and Stanley Ziaja presented him a piece of luggage, wallet and the best of luck in his new adventure from the whole department. Mr. Teeple, the main speaker, congratulated Mr. Puppulo on the tremendous job he has done for the Company and was glad to see that someone of our own had the opportunity and privilege to undertake such an important assignment. In conclusion, the guest of honor in his subtle and unselfish manner stated, "I thank you for everything you have done for me, because if it weren't for the cooperation, skill and hard work of the people that worked for me I wouldn't be what I am with the Company". Dancing followed with Mr. and Mrs. George Senecal tripping the light fantastic with the skill of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray! We are glad to see our smiling and vivacious Vi Zycka back at work. We hope you will be feeling better, Glady's Roy by the time you receive this LOG. God Bless You. Let's not get over exuberant in your enthusiasm for skiing, Dominick Papas. The next time make sure there is sufficient snow on the slopes.

Centrifuge

by Dominic Pisano and Belle Mahar

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Embry, Sr., on their 32nd wedding anniversary. Oliver and Irene O'Dell have finally moved into their new home. Good luck, folks. Bob Stanton has returned from a two weeks vacation, which he spent at home. Centrifuge has been a very exciting department this past month. The reason: Western Electric sent some of their boys up here while they were installing a new machine. We hope all that Harry LaPlante's arm heals soon. Victor Vareschi has been chosen the "Eddie Fisher" of the Centrifuge department. Victor's favorite song is "Let Me Go"—well, at least that's what he is always singing. Did you know that the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, was built in the year 1174—the height 179 feet—the purpose—a bell tower—the builder—the Roman Catholic Church. Belated birthday greetings to Harvey Vallieres.

Sales Office

by Jane Delisle and Kay Baroni

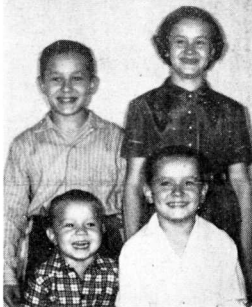
Welcome to Florence Siciliano and Doris Hartman who have joined the ranks of the Sales Office. Florence is



Michael J. Hanafin, formerly of Factory Engineering, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is undergoing boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland. His address is: Michael J. Hanafin, 487-53-24 EFSR Co. 45 22nd Batt. 2nd Reg., R.T.C. U.S. N.T.C., Bainbridge, Maryland.



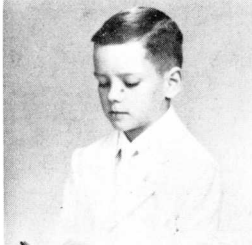
"Well, you don't say! Why, when I last saw her—!" George L. Galli, Jr., son of Lorraine Galli, who works in I.B.M. nights, seems to be saying.



Shown above are the children of Geraldine Bessette of Metal Clad. They are bottom, David and William, and top, Thomas and Carolyn.



Steven Dale, son of Jay and Jennie Strange seems to have all the troubles of the world on his little back! His father works in Dry Tubulars, and his grandmother, Rose Coggiallo works for Kenny Russell of Industrial Oils, K.V.A. section.



Nine-year Alan Isherwood is the son of William Isherwood who is an electrician in the Maintenance Department.

working as secretary to Jerry O'Grady and Doris is working for Helen Connors. We say good-by to Sylvia Borowski who formerly worked for Jerry O'Grady and has now taken a job with the John Hancock Insurance Agency. Sylvia was presented a gift from the girls. Isn't Joan Blanchette the lucky one! Taking a vacation at this time of year! A tip to Mr. Barry—watch where you're leaving those production orders. One turned up in a pretty strange place! Barbara Marceau was recently a bridesmaid at the Babeau-Reardon wedding. Bring memories of last October. Barb? Joan Farinon will be leaving soon to await a blessed event, and our parting gift will be a telescope—so she can watch the bridge construction from her home! What's Elaine Puppulo's good news? The news of movie star Robert Stack's marriage knocked one of our girls for a loop! Wanted—for Barbara Marceau—a book on how to walk downhill without falling. Will someone please show Joan Blanchette where the hyphen is on the typewriter? Best wishes to Jane Delisle whose engagement to Peter Solari was recently announced. Looks like another June wedding for the Sales Office. Congratulations to Joe Mucha who has just been awarded first prize in our fudge making contest! Helen Bard and Doris Hartman attended the Alerts Ball in Adams, where a good time was had by all. Best of luck to Carol Severin who has left to make her home in Indiana. Carol previously worked for Bill Carlton. Has anyone noticed the big snacks Doris Hartman eats during rest period?



Automation

by Florence Clement

Sorry your reporter missed last month—but here she is again. We are happy to hear that Beatrice Gibeau's husband Ralph is home from the hospital and will soon be in the best of health. Best of luck to both of you. We welcome our old girls and the new ones—also Art Perra, hope you like it here. We have quite a few people in our department who have hobbies. Beatrice Day makes beautiful crocheted handkerchiefs, but best of all is her most wonderful flower garden which is a grand sight to see. Irene Boucher is a maker of dolls used for toasters and other things. These are very nice. We miss the girls and Joe Bianchi, who have moved to the top floor. We hope you like it up there. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kenyon on their eighth wedding anniversary. Pat works with us.

Industrial Oils Office

by Art Van Steemburg

Lorraine Stefanski has left to work in Washington, D.C. The best of luck to a nice kid. Welcome to Dorothy Roberts who is going to replace Lorraine. Ed Weeden, our glamour boy with the cap, has bought a 1953 Chevrolet. Some change from the 1931 Hudson, right Ed? Bob Petri is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Millie Moreau is contemplating buying a new Lincoln, Some class, Millie.

KVA

by Frank Santelli

A housewarming party was held at the home of Eleanor King by the girls of the K.V.A. department. A pleasant evening was had by all. Lunch was served by Mrs. King assisted by her daughter. Millie Mahoney gave a toast to Eleanor and Lloyd for happiness in their new home. Laura Lanoue entertained the girls of the K.V.A. on a recent Saturday night. Pizza pie was served by Laura and a wonderful time was had by all. We are glad to have

Jack Brooks back working with us again—also Harry Logan.

We are deeply sorry at the loss of one of our co-workers, "Lefty" Andrew Bushee. He is missed by everyone. Our sympathies are extended to all of his loved ones, and family.

Industrial Oils Final Assembly

by Charles Felix

The welcome mat is rolled out this month to greet Gerald Burdick, who just returned from his tour of duty with the Armed Forces overseas, Mildred Falco, Ed LaFleche, Clem Alt, Edith Gattuso, Eileen Lemming, Lucy Gilmore, Norma Sebastino, Ernest Blondin, Germaine Cummings, Andrew Vachereau and C. A. Vachereau. Joe Gioretti is practicing to take over as vocalist on short notice. We recently heard him singing "Oh My Papa". Eddie Fisher better watch out! Bill Drury, George Provost and Gerry Burdick spend their lunch period talking over old times in the Industrial Oils. Chuck Connors keeps us informed on the stock market changes. Al Gamache is back with us after a short stay in the hospital during January. Tony Saliba received a pleasant surprise recently when a new strap dispenser arrived to replace the old one Tony has been using. From the smile on his face, we figured it must have been a Christmas present that Santa was delivering a little late. A Valentine and birthday party was held at Taconic Park on February 9 by workers of the K.V.A. department. Arrangements for the party were taken care of by Lillian Babcock and Kate Healy. A birthday cake baked by Lil in honor of those having birthdays in February was used as a centerpiece. Favors were made by Kate Healy and songs and dancing were enjoyed after the meal. Georgia May Joy was pleasantly surprised recently as her son Arthur arrived home on a 30-day furlough. Airman 3C Joy will report to Alaska after completion of his furlough.

Sandia Coolers

by Dorothy Bell Baker

Rita Charron has that Paris look lately. Real Chic. Attention girls—have you heard about the grand prize that Francis Pitoniak is offering in her "Name My Bird" contest? See Franny for details. Bea Marsh loves to cook. Her specialty is spaghetti (?) and meat balls. Rose Murray has been visiting her daughter in Syracuse, N.Y. Mary presented her with a new grandchild—a boy. Emma Montagna is having quite a time making her boyfriend a pair of argyle socks. It's like a TV serial. Will Emma rip today? We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Connie Bush's father. What happened to Linda Coggiallo in New York? Hear she had to take the train home. Hurry back, Dorothy Bell. We miss you. Have you heard the latest? They now have "do it yourself" diets. See Vi McClelland or Evelyn Jones for details. Rita Zito is sporting a new hairdo. Welcome to our new girls, Alice Lunney, Vic Bissailon, Lillian Senecal and Theresa Matuszak. Hope you like your stay. We send our best wishes to Margaret Walsh's husband Eddie who is confined at home with a broken leg. The new Easter haidors are out girls. See Laura (Curly) Roy for details.

Misc. Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy

We are glad to report that our supervisor Art Bissailon, who is hospitalized at the local hospital is gaining every day, and we hope that he'll be back with us real soon. Our department deserves credit for its fine record of having 1151 days or 3 years and 2 months without a lost-time accident. Keep up the good work! Carl Butler's daughter, Nancy has been in the

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hospital recently. Nancy was operated on for appendicitis. Hope you're feeling better now. . . January was the month for birthdays in this department. The following people celebrated theirs: Julia Sullivan, January 15th, Art Bissailon, the 19th, Jean Levy, the 20th, Blanche Letalten, the 27th and Marguerite Todd, the 31st.

Bathtub Assembly

by Alma Pratt

We sadly say good-bye to Shirley Noring, Dot Wesleski, and Rena, who have left us. . . The birthday party that Claire Fuller had for her Ness turned out swell, and I have never seen so much food as she had. It was all very good and the cake was beautiful. Did you bake it, Claire? . . . It is a known fact that just about everyone has a nickname at one time or other. But do you girls know who is known as "Little Napoleon" down here on Brown Street. Anyone who doesn't, ask either Claire or yours truly. . . Before Shirley left, we figured out a formula for Champ, which read something like this: "Any gaseous hydrocarbon, chiefly of methane, generated naturally in subterranean oil deposits". Isn't that about right Shirley? We were also thinking up one for dear old dad, but Shirley left before we could finish it. . . Claire Fuller and yours truly went to Pownal to the bingo games—we had all bing and no go! Guess the colored cigarettes were too much for us. However we loved the pal with the lovely white hat—it sure was a pretty hat. . . Liz Sheehan told us the cutest prayer the other morning—it went something like this—"O Dear Lord, please let it snow some more, O please Dear God, let there be no school today!" It was her son Dickie, who like all other kids likes snow more than school. . . Who wrote all the cute notes? Phil Sprague got blamed, but who really did write them? All Phil does is hide our shoes while we are out to lunch. . . See you all next issue. . . Lena Deso, of Cover Assembly, has the cutest green hat, did you knit it, Lena. . . See you all next issue.

Industrial Oils Rolling Dept.

by Erminia Sweeney

Rose Cardinal recently spent a week-end in New York City. . . We are glad to see you back, Kate Patterson, after your recent illness. . . Alice Beauchamp's mother is hospitalized and is now on the road to recovery. . . Jackie Brooks says we have organized confusion in our room, with which we heartily agree. . . Myron Cheney is back working with us again. Myron is the Rev. Myron Cheney of Stamford. . . Lorraine St. Cyr lost a wrestling match to her husband, you should eat more spinach, kid. . . Rose Duquette was presented a birthday cake and a nice necklace for her anniversary. Rita Favreau also shared a belated birthday cake. . . Ceil Kelly spent two weeks in Florida with her husband. . . Many thanks to the girls in Industrial Oils rolling, Small Orders, KVA, and Sandia for their splendid cooperation in helping Agnes Miller's grandchild, Robert Martel, and thanks from Mary Ann, Bobby's mother. . . We are sorry to hear that Pauline Kulas lost her twin daughters. . . Ann Sacco was sick with a touch of the virus. . . We're willing to bet if you tied Ruth Beaudin's hands together, she wouldn't be able to talk.



Paper Rolling

by Frances Miles and Joan Hyndman

Hello again everyone! We wish to welcome to our room Walter Tatro, Flora Haumuller, Lillian Crandall, Beatrice Perras and Faith Dickinson. We hope you like it here with us. . .

Does anyone know who the big man is who rides in the little canary yellow car? . . . For some unknown reason, Bill Morehouse doesn't seem to think we get enough news in the LOG. O.K., Bill, how about suppling us with some? . . . Say, ask Marge Hall about her unexpected company. (Some people sure can sleep anywhere.) . . . Alice Dami was in such a hurry to see her new granddaughter that she went to the hospital with one black shoe and one blue shoe on. That's okay, Alice, you aren't a grandmother every day! . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Joe Swistak's wife after her recent operation. And also to Lillian Candall who has been in the hospital. . . Birthday greetings to Tillie Mendel, Ceil Meranti, Bill Morehouse and Lucy Banas, all who celebrated their birthdays in January.

Metal Clad

Emma Alongi and Veronica Sobon

It's hats off to Mary Paoletti who works at reject repairs. Mary came to work in our department on September 11, 1950, has never been absent and has only one tardy mark—just wondering what happened on that morning—could be that the rooster forgot to crow! . . . Our friend Irma Allen never misses a basketball game. Her son John is the star player of the Drury team. . . Best of luck to Peggy Moreau and Tillie Biagini—they have left us to await the stork. . . Nellie Leazer broke in her new '56 Ford by spending a week-end in Boston. . . Gioia Zappone has moved into her new home on Wilfred Avenue in Adams. Good luck, Gioia. . . Our best wishes go to Shirley Morgan and Florence Pellows who are out on sick leave. . . Theresa Dube has returned to work with us after spending six months with her husband in Pleasanton, California where he was waiting for his discharge from the U.S. Air Force. He served 4 years—three of which were spent overseas in Chateauroux, France.

Special Products Dept.

by Nina Underwood

Mary Bishop attended graduation ceremonies at Bainbridge, Maryland on February 4th for her son, Seaman Apprentice Richard Bishop, who has finished boot training in the Navy. He expects to be stationed at Newport, R.I. . . Jane Boucher recently motored to Brooklyn, N.Y. with friends. While there she saw the ship, General Patch, when it docked and visited in Manhattan and saw the Statue of Liberty. Jane was quite thrilled over her first visit to the big city. . . Jerry Shartrands son Raymond who recently received his discharge from the Navy after serving four years, has returned to North Adams with his wife, the former Claire Varieur, and his son Raymond. Jerry was very proud to see her grandson for the first time. Ronny Crockwell is back with us again from the night shift. Welcome to Ronny and to Olive O'Neil who is new in our department.

Paper Impregnation and Small Order Metal Clad

by Agnes Fitzgerald

Welcome to Elizabeth Smith and Constance Mazza. . . Jeanie Dufraine enjoyed a lovely vacation in Michigan visiting her son and family. . . Francis Bennett spent the weekend in Albany. . . Agnes Fitzgerald recently went to Springfield. . . We're pleased to have Avis Hitchcock back at work. Avis was nurse to her mother, Mrs. Emma Coleman of Charlemon, during her recent illness. . . Evelyn Fletcher had both her little girls down with chickenpox, and then she was home a week with a cold. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Eva Thibodeau who is a patient in the North Adams Hospital, and to



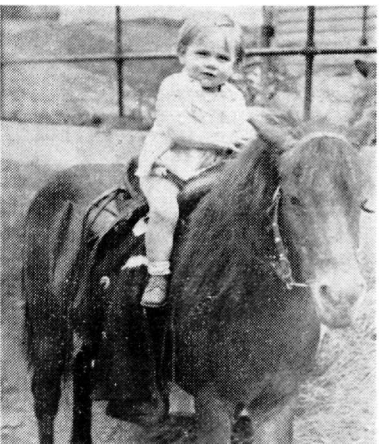
These bright youngsters are the children of George Klucky of Small Orders, Beaver Street. Their grandmother, Teresa Vona works on Beaver Street also, and their mother, a R.N., is a nurse at the North Adams Hospital.



Guess who? For clues see Mary A. Williams of the Metal Clad department on Beaver Street.



Eight-year old Virginia and 9 months old Timothy are the children of Peggy Bartlett of the Metal Clad Department on Beaver Street.



This little girl is now Mrs. Doris Shafner, who works at Shipping in Cassie Ziemiak's department. The picture was taken some time ago!



These dark-eyed kiddies are Marianne and Gerald Oslizlo, 20 month old twins of Anna, Metal Clad—Beaver, and Stanley, D.T.Q., Marshall Street.

Chuck Roy's mother Mrs. Henry Roy, a patient in Pittsfield General Hospital. . . Many thoughts were with Mr. and Mrs. George Simon who flew to Cuba on January 29. . . Mike Steffanie our supervisor, is one smart guy. He drove his station wagon from Adams without gas—and got all of his passengers safely to work. . . Eva Thibodeau became a grandmother twice recently—a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morin of Springfield on December 31 and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brouldt on February 7.

Pulse Transformers

by Cora Ryan and Jean McDonald

We are pleased to have Alfred Law as our new general foreman and welcome to the new girls joining us. . . Stag and showers were given respectively in honor of Lucille Dennett and Nancy Roy whose approaching marriages will be in April. They were attended by many of their co-workers. . . Those who have been on the sick list and who are back at work again are Margaret Cutler, Mary Carnohan, Ruth Fontaine, Claire Racine, Mary Patrie. . . Bertha Vaughn is happy again now that her son Ricky is home from the hospital. We're happy for you, Bertha. . . It seems a link is missing in our department. Yes, it is. Doris Armstrong is convalescing from an operation. Hurry back, Doris. . . Steffie Koczela was unable to come back to us after a two weeks vacation. We are so sorry to see you leave. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dixons, Jr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Shepard, who celebrated their anniversaries respectively on January 30 and February 17.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews

First of all, we'd like to welcome all the new girls in our department. We understand that quite a few of our co-workers have taken up roller skating. One night there were 23, no casualties and only a few falls and everybody had a grand time. . . It looks as if we'll have to chip in and buy Evelyn Luczynski a leash. She seems to pick out the wrong colored car out in the parking lot. Her blues all seem to be the same shade. . . Dorothy Wolkowicz is having her 19th birthday February 3. All she keeps on singing is "All I Want For My Birthday is Seniority". . . Has anyone seen a blue Plymouth without a driver lately? No need to fret—it was only Pegg's car. It's used to parking all by itself. . . We wish Joan Hunter good luck on her new job. . . Evelyn Truehart's expression of the day is "I didn't say nothing". . . Would like to welcome two supervisors to our department, Ethel Brown and Eddie Konopka.



January 8, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mendell, son.
January 10, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brazeau, daughter.
January 10, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly, daughter.
February 15, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Auty, daughter.
January 17, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trottier, son.
January 17, Mr. and Mrs. George Sunn, son.
January 23, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blair, son.
January 23, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burdick, daughter.
February 6, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fulginiti, daughter.
February 10, Mr. and Mrs. George Coody, daughter.
February 1, Mr. and Mrs. George Cobelli, daughter.



Anne Rivers and Joseph Stawarz
Beverly DuBois and Bruce Sherman
Eileen Champagne and Orrin Hall, Jr.
Sylvia Flanders and Harry Orell
Helen Gleba and John Murach
Lillian Poplaski and Joseph Gajda
Patricia Biondo and John Boulger
Nancy Roy and John Guerino
Donald LaBombard and Shirley Shartrand

Anniversaries . . .

February 6, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Senecal, 28th.
February 6, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyer, 23rd.
February 10, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gross, 22nd.
February 13, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gifford, 28th.
February 15, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, 9th.
February 29, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Loncto, 20th.



January 21, Madeline Heathcote and James DeSanty
February 11, Margaret Birnie and Alfred Boyer.



February
2 Carol Gamache
2 Isabelle Richardson
2 Roseann Shaker
3 Dorothy Solkowicz
3 Edmund Hinkell
4 Gloria Lord
6 Eleanor Abusi
7 Nellie Hewitt
7 Rena Livsey
8 Joseph Nadeau
9 Vi Bona
9 Isadore Pindick
12 Vivian Montgomery
13 Hazel Chapple
13 Vincent Tomaselli
13 Lorraine Lavigne
14 Domenick Pappas
14 Avalisa King
14 Sadie Mercier
15 Peter D. Mancuso
16 Bernadette Fortini
16 Aldem Trottier
17 Jennie King
17 Mary Santelli
17 Mary Alice Lefebvre
19 Jane Karrey
20 Joan Bissailion
20 Gerry Cole
22 James Blair
23 Georgia May Joy
23 Marion Davis
24 Marie Rowett
25 Mary Marra
25 Rita Sorel